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Edward Proctor MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr.

: Commendation SUBJECT

Secretary McNamara has expressed to Mr. McCone his pleasure with the joint efforts of the CIA/DIA Panel for special study of the Soviet Ground Forces with particular reference to the contribution it made to NIE 11-14-63 "Capabilities of the Soviet General Purpose Forces, 1963-1969." The Director has asked me to pass the Secretary's thanks on to you who, as a participant in the Panel's work, have done an outstanding job. I join the Secretary and Mr. McCone in their gratification for the substantial progress which has been made toward improving our estimates on the subject. Your contribution has demonstrated professional performance of the highest standard and has brought great credit to the Agency and the Intelligence Directorate. have every confidence that similar high quality work will result in further progress in the follow-on studies of the Panel.

Copies of this memorandum and the letters from Secretary McNamara and the Director, Central Intelligence are being placed in your personnel folder as a permanent record.

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Enclosures: (2) As stated